



CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

May, 2020 virtual meeting

When: At your leisure
Where: Your computer
Presenter: Newman Numismatic Portal
Topic: Yellow Fever and the U.S. Mint

Stay Safe

Every time I go out now, I ask myself, How safe is it? Many of us, because of our age or health, have corona crosshairs on our back. One of my neighbors has died from it, so it's gotten a bit more real to me.

We won't be meeting this month and it's impossible to say when we will be able to get back together in person.

There is a possibility we may be able to meet via computer in June or July. The Cincinnati and Chicago coin clubs have done this. The MPC Fest in Port Clinton was held that way, too. Details to come.

We're still planning, at least for the moment, on holding a summer picnic, Labor Day show and Christmas banquet. All subject to change.

Picnic

Sunday, Aug 23 at Upper Arlington's Thompson Park as usual.

Show

Patty Cass reports:

I want to update you on the Ohio State Coin Show.

The CONA Board of Directors met last Tuesday, May 12, and have decided to continue planning for this year's Labor Day Show. Of course, everything is subject to change as we live with Covid-19, but we need to prepare. We continue to work with Embassy Suites Dublin and we will meet again with them in late June to assess things at that time. One option may be to hold a smaller event, based on recommendations and rulings from the State of Ohio guidelines, county and state health departments, and Embassy Suites requirements. The Raffle Committee has decided not to hold a raffle this year citing unrecoverable costs.

The Treasure Hunt Committee has two projects ready to go to support our educational mission if the show is not held.

This is an excerpt from my most recent email to dealers:

With this in mind, I need to ask you to do two things:

1. I have received only 11 Signed Application/Contracts for this year's show. If we do go to a smaller event, dealers who have sent in Signed Contracts will have priority for tables. Please complete and return the attached Contract/Application as soon as possible if you want to be included in that group. It is not necessary to include payments at this time. The contracts are for planning purposes.

2. If you are not planning to come to this year's show because of health concerns, please let me know that, and I will consider that response to be your Letter of Intent to setup at OSCS 2021 and we will welcome you back at that time with your table as previously assigned for 2020.

The Board will make final decisions regarding OSCS 2020 by mid-July based on information provided by the state, local health departments and the hotel. As always, dealer payments for OSCS 2020 are refundable if the show is not held, or if a dealer decides not to attend prior to August 21, 2020. Current payments may be carried over to OSCS 2021

Christmas banquet

Wednesday, Dec. 9 at Heritage Golf Club, same place as last year.

Summer FUN canceled

It is with great disappointment that the FUN board is announcing Summer FUN 2020 is cancelled.

First and foremost is the concern for the health and well-being of our dealers, our service providers and our public attendees. There are currently many concerns and also many unknowns about how things will be in early July.

Rare coin on TV



This week's NCIS television show revolved around an 1870-S Seated Liberty silver dollar that was "stolen" 50 years ago. Only nine are known, and they are believed to have been minted off the books to celebrate the groundbreaking of the San Francisco Mint. CONA member Steve Petty owns one. After the show aired, he emailed the screen shot (above) with the message "Doesn't look like mine."

The NCIS coin is a cartoonish affair that depicts a seated Liberty facing the wrong way and holding what appears to be a torch on the obverse and a heraldic eagle on the reverse. The peripheral stars and lettering look as they should.

Nonetheless, here's a new TV coin story to add to the Hardy Boy's gold doubloon, Hawaii Five-0's 1913 nickel and Andy Griffith's backwards buffalo.

May virtual meeting: Yellow Fever

In 1793, just as the U.S. Mint was getting started, Yellow Fever attacked Philadelphia, killing 5,000 people or 10 percent of the population. Dr. Benjamin Rush, who would go on to be the Mint's treasurer, had the cure - massive amounts of mercury and draining 4/5ths of the blood from the victims. The New-man Numismatic Portal has created an informative video about the Mint and the epidemic.

Here's a link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEHmzUn7Tn0&frags=pl%2Cwn

